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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 6600

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SUBJECT: NORTH VIETNAMESE DENY ALLEGATIONS OF BRITISH JOURNALIST

1. IN STATEMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 21, DELIVERED TO PRESS AND SENT TO SOME DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN VIENTIANE, THE NORTH VIETNAMESE NEWS AGENCY IN VIENTIANE DENIED STATEMENTS MADE SEPTEMBER 18 IN FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE IN THE THAI NEWSPAPER THE NATION, PICKED UP BY THE LAO PRESS ON SEPTEMBER 20.

2. THE ARTICLE IN QUESTION, WRITTEN BY PETER KEMP OF THE LONDON DAILY TELEGRAPH, ALLEGED THAT THE "NORTH VIETNAMESE PRESS ATTACHE IN VIENTIANE," NGO MINH, ADMITTED TO KEMP IN AN INTERVIEW THAT NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS ARE PRESENT IN LAOS. KEMP ALSO QUOTED MINH AS SAYING NORTH VIETNAMESE INTEND TO COMPLY WITH PROVISIONS OF THE VIENTIANE AGREEMENT ON WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS AND EXPECT THE SAME "STRICT COMPLIANCE" FROM THE U.S. KEMP ADDED THAT 48 HOURS AFTER TALKING TO MINH, LPF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE SOTH PHETRASY DENIED THE PRESENCE OF ANY NVA TROOPS IN LAOS.
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3. THE NORTH VIETNAMESE NEWS AGENCY STATEMENT SEPTEMBER 21 DENIED THAT MINH WAS DRV PRESS ATTACHE IN VIENTIANE AND THAT MINH HAD MET WITH KEMP.

4. COMMENT: KEMP DID MEET WITH MINH AND HE HAD, WHEN HE LEFT VIENTIANE, THE DUPLICATE OF THE DRV EMBASSY FORM WHICH WAS COMPLETED WHEN HE FIRST WENT TO THE DRV EMBASSY TO MEET WITH MINH.
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